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SUMMARY: A MEETING OF ALL GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS (INCLUDING SWEDES AND SWISS OBSERVERS) WAS CALLED AT THE REQUEST OF THE UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE QUESTION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BY THE UPU. THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY THE UNITED STATES. THERE WAS A CONSENSUS ON PRINCIPLES RELATING TO GRANTING OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE UPU; ON TACTICS TO BE FOLLOWED AT THIS CONGRESS TO MAINTAIN THOSE PRINCIPLES; AND ON THE NECESSITY OF HAVING A CONTINGENCY INSTRUCTION ON WHAT POSTURE SHOULD BE TAKEN IF PRESSURES FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE UPU RESULTED IN CONGRESS ACTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FROM ORDINARY BUEGETARY CONTRIBUTIONS. ACTION: REQUEST GUIDANCE ASAP. END SUMMARY.

1. PRINCIPLES GOVERNING GENEVA GROUP ATTITUDES TOWARD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN UPU ARE:

A) UNDP IS THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF FUNDING;

B) OPPOSITION TO COMPULSORY LEVIES FROM REGULAR UPU BUDGET;

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C) NUMBER OF MEMBER COUNTRIES CONTRIBUTING TO THE UPU

SPECIAL FUND SHOULD NOT INCREASE (I.E. FRANCE, JAPAN, GERMANY).

2. AMONG THE TACTICS ON WHICH GENERAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED WERE:

- A) TO MAKE ALL EFFORTS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO DEFEAT MEASURES INVOLVING USE OF REGULAR BUDGET FUNDS;
- B) TO ATTEMPT BLOCK ANY EFFORTS TO FORM PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY WORKING GROUPS;
- C) TO UNDERTAKE TO LOBBY AMONG OTHER DELS (E.G. SOVIET BLOC) TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR A) AND B) ABOVE. USDEL AGREED APPROACH SOVS.

3. CONSENSUS WAS REACHED TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW DELEGATIONS SHOULD REACT (E.G. POSSIBLE NON-PAYMENT THEIR PORTION OF COST TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE) IN EVENT THAT CONGRESS PASSED RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM A) USING "SURPLUS" FUNDS FROM UPU BUDGET, B) DESIGNATING CERTAIN PROPORTION OF UPU REGULAR BUDGET. ABRAMS

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